

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were pending and allowed in the Notice of Allowance dated October 26, 2006.

Claim 2 is amended to correct a clerical error.

New claims 49 and 50 are dependent computer program product claims that track method claims 24 and 25, respectively. This amendment imposes no further search or other burden on the examiner.

Telephone Interview

The applicant would like to thank Supervisory Examiner Shah for granting a telephone interview to applicant's representative, Arrienne M. Lezak, on March 8, 2007. The only issue discussed during the interview was entry of the applicant's amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. Supervisory Examiner Shah indicated that he would reconsider the amendment upon resubmission, and the applicant thanks Supervisory Examiner Shah in advance for that reconsideration.

Consideration of the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

During the interview, Supervisory Examiner Shah indicated that the initial refusal of the applicant's amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 was based on a concern over issues pertaining to 35 U.S.C. § 101. Regarding this concern, the applicant notes that new dependent claim 50 depends from new dependent claim 49 which depends from allowed dependent claim 29 which depends from allowed independent claim 27. As allowed independent claim 27 contains language in conformity with 35 U.S.C. § 101 (tangible medium and tangible result), the applicant believes that those claims depending from allowed independent claim 27 are also in conformity with 35 U.S.C. § 101.

More specifically, the new dependent claims 49 and 50 do not change the tangibility of the medium or the result of the allowed independent claim 27 in any way. In fact, like allowed dependent claim 29, new dependent claims 49 and 50 merely serve to cause the equipment taught

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in allowed independent claim 27 to recite additional features. Moreover, these additional features are not new to the claim limitations, as these features were clearly enumerated previously within allowed dependent method claims 24 and 25, respectively. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The applicant respectfully asks that this amendment be entered. This amendment is a re-submission of an amendment originally filed on December 28, 2006 prior to the payment of the Issue Fee paid on January 16, 2007.

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Respectfully submitted,

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